

8TH ANNUAL VISITACION VALLEY ARTS FESTIVAL & STREET FAIR



May 16th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. is the date and time for the 1992 Visitacion Valley Fair. Mark your calendars, and bring your friends and neighbors to this annual event for and by Visitacion Valley neighbors.



There will be lots of food and fun, and arts and crafts, and games and this year, there will even be some rides for the kids.

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SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT: HOW THEY SEE THEMSELVES

THE FOLLOWING WAS DISTRIBUTED AT A COMMUNITY MEETING BY THE SFPD.

We, the members of the San Francisco Police Department, are committed to excellence in law enforcement and are dedicated to the people, traditions and diversity of our City. In order to protect life and property, prevent crime, and reduce the fear of crime, we will provide service with understanding, response with compassion, performance with integrity, and law enforcement with vision.

OUR STATEMENT OF VALUES

These values guide the operations of the Department and the conduct of its members. These are our fundamental beliefs from which our agency sets policy, delivers services, and implements program. Values set standards for our members in executing their public safety duties. These values guide our actions.

OUR HIGHEST PRIORITY IS THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN LIFE.

There is no more important priority to the San Francisco Police Department than protection of human life. This belief is reflected in everyone aspect of police conduct. Our highest priority will always be the protection of a human life. In violent situations, we are committed to using all reasonable means to prevent injury to the public.

WE BELIEVE THAT WHILE

CRIME PREVENTION IS OUR PRINCIPAL GOAL, WE SHOULD VIGOROUSLY PURSUE THOSE WHO COMMIT SERIOUS CRIMES.

The Department's primary focus must be crime prevention. However, when crimes do occur, the Department must react with vigorous law enforcement, moving aggressively toward arrest and prosecution of the perpetrator. Vigorous law enforcement is an important deterrent to serious crime.

WE TREAT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH RESPECT AND DIGNITY. WE MAINTAIN THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF INTEGRITY AND PROFESSIONALISM IN ALL ACTIONS.

We will treat all those we serve in a compassionate, sensitive, courteous and professional manner, regardless of sex, race, lifestyle or reason for police contact. The integrity of the Department must not be compromised. There can be no question or suspicion among the citizenry regarding Department ethics. Professionalism requires impeccable conduct, careful protection of all citizens' rights, and the maintenance of high levels of accountability from all members of the Department.

WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE DEPARTMENT'S MEMBERS ARE ITS GREATEST ASSET AND ASSUME A RESPONSIBILITY TO TREAT THEM PROFESSIONALLY AND SUPPORT THEIR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

All Department members are entitled to respectful, fair and consistent treatment. In matters impacting member job satisfaction and effectiveness, we seek the input of our members and involve in the decision-making process. The efforts of our members are the principal means by which the Department fulfills its mission and accomplishes its public service goals.

WE ARE COMMITTED TO SOLVING NEIGHBORHOOD PROBLEMS. WE CARE ABOUT THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE CITY'S NEIGHBORHOODS AND BELIEVE THAT OUR SERVICE MUST ANSWER THEIR NEEDS.

The Department will provide a rapid and effective response to life threatening situations and other public safety emergencies. Yet we must seek new ways to address the contemporary

neighborhood problems of crime, fear of crime, disorder, and physical and social decay. We are committed to providing a highly visible presence in all the city's neighborhoods.

WE MAINTAIN OPEN COMMUNICATION WITH ALL THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE. THEIR INPUT HELPS TO DETERMINE POLICE POLICIES, PRIORITIES, AND STRATEGIES.

The Department recognizes the need to collaborate with the public in order to reduce crime; disorder, fear and all those negative factors lessening the quality of life. We cannot effectively deal with these by ourselves. Though open communication we strive to increase public understanding of law enforcement complexities, to ensure the certainty that department priorities match community expectations, and to inform the public of the reasons for police actions.

WE BELIEVE THAT POLICING STRATEGIES MUST PRESERVE AND ADVANCE DEMOCRATIC VALUES.

The law enforcement officer in a democratic country must be the living expression of the values and potentialities of democracy. Police officer

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SAN FRANCISCO TAKES LEAD IN TESTING PLASTIC RECYCLING

On March 2, selected participants in San Francisco's successful curbside recycling program started recycling all kinds of plastic bottles in their blue recycling bins. ("Bottles" are defined as any plastic container with a neck smaller than its base, including milk, detergent, shampoo, salad dressing, bottle water and many others.) A total of 34,000 households--approximately 10% of the city's residences--in six concentrated areas throughout the city are part of the Council for Solid Waste Solutions' Model Cities program.

The Council for Solid Waste Solutions has provided the city with three plastics compactors that will be used on the collection trucks, as well as a pneumatic conveying system for handling the plastics that is being installed at Normal Waste Systems' TURF (or Total Urban Recycling Facility). This equipment will be tested and results of the program will be published later this year.

"We'll be gathering huge amounts of data on each of the recycling routes," says Ron Perkins, director of recycling operations for the Council, "and our analysis will help the city determine the most effective and economical ways to add plastics to their program. San Francisco is the fourth city--the first in California--to join our Model Cities Program. The information we gather here will help hundreds of communities nationwide as they launch plastics collection programs."

"San Francisco neighborhoods are very diverse, both geographically and demographically," says Amy Perlmutter, Recycling Program Manager for San Francisco. "The test program will collect from winding hilly areas to flat,

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OVER 50,00 BARGAIN BOOKS

Thursday May 28, 1992 through Sunday June 1, 1992, the Friends of the San Francisco Public Library annual "largest in the West" book sale will take place at Herbst Pavilion, Fort Mason.

This year, for the first time, the San Francisco Education Fund will participate in the book sale with displays and information. Another new feature is Family Day, Saturday May 30th, with tables of books for family reading, reading lists, bookmarks and summer reading program information.

The opening sale on Thursday, May 28 from 4 to 8 p.m. is free to members of the Friends or those who join the Friends that day, otherwise admission is \$15.00. Admission is free Friday through Sunday.

Call the Friends at 557 4257 for more information.



Members of the Coalition for Community Development presented Mayor Jordan with a "Keep the Commitment" t-shirt, as he proclaimed the week of April 20 - 24th National Community Development Week. The ceremony was held at the Whitney Young Childcare Center, where more than 150 people were entertained by the children of the Center.

A PROPOSED SOLUTION TO HIGH HEALTH CARE COSTS

State Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi offered a proposal for Health Insurance reform during a speech made at a breakfast meeting hosted by City Attorney Louise Renne on April 21st. He revealed to the audience some startling figures that underscore the need for reform in the area of health care and insurance.

According to Commissioner Garamendi, 25% of the cost of the average health insurance policy goes to the cost of paperwork (administration). Workers Comp insurance is even worse, with a shocking 55% allocated to processing costs...yes, more than half, folks! Additionally, the cost of the medical part of Auto Insurance shows \$2.2 billion out of \$12 billion going for processing, for over 18%. Americans pay more administration costs than people in any other country in the

THE GRAPEVINE HONOR ROLL - SO FAR...

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There are more names to come...if you have mailed your contribution and your name has not yet appeared in this list, look again next month. We know there are some that have been mailed that were not received by press time.

world, yet in California six and three-quarter million people have no health insurance at all.

Think of it: if you have group insurance through your employer and fall ill, having to leave your job, you will most likely not have insurance at all. The COBRA plan that you hear about only allows you to continue your insurance at your own cost, and on disability, that cost will be more than you can afford.

The reform proposal that will be coming before the California legislature is for a "unification" of health insurance. It will combine all the kinds of health insurance (individual, group, workers comp, auto, etc.) and make it available to all Californians across the board. It will not depend on your job or how much money you have. It will be offered to Californians on a regional basis, administratively, and will be attractive to doctors as well, for it will eliminate the need for dealing with many different insurance companies and thus many different forms and procedures. It will lower the dollar amounts paid in insurance money for lawsuits, because everyone will be insured by the same providers, eliminating the need for court battles in all but the most difficult cases.

Many details are being worked out right now on this proposed plan, such as whether a regional or a statewide approach is better; but we can be sure that this is a proposal that bears watching. Certainly, we need some help in dealing with the high cost of health care. Perhaps this is the answer...look for more on this proposal, and support it if you can. It'll surely have lots of opposition from the insurance company and the legal profession if it will truly reduce costs.

(reported by JKavanagh)

The Community Center received a letter postmarked April 9, 1992. It was not signed, and there was no return address. The letter was an expression of hostility against the Asian people in our neighborhood. It could have been against any group.

We must all treat others as we would like to be treated. We must try to be understanding of everyone.

When new people come to this country, they must cherish their birth culture and embrace their new adopted culture. It is difficult to leave every familiar thing and start a new life, and these pioneers deserve our respect and our neighborly assistance. There is too much anger in our lives as it is. We must be kind to each other always. There is a lot we can teach the newcomer that is positive, and there is a whole lot we can learn from them as well.

I urge all Valley residents to be friendly to all our neighbors, new and old. You won't be sorry, for there is a lot to gain and nothing to lose in friendship.

As for anonymous letters, the Grapevine will not print them...period!

FIVE YEARS AGO IN THE GRAPEVINE

MAY 1987

Visitation Valley's community gardens, cultivated on San Francisco Water Department land, were saved for at least ten years, according to Supervisor Bill Maher, who along with public spirited Visitation Valley residents and garden conservation groups waged a passionate campaign to avert plans to dig up decaying underground pipes and sell the land to private interests. Hyoka Bells, Community Garden Coordinator for the Visitation Valley Community Center, mobilized the community to distribute petitions which generated more than 500 signatures opposing the sale of the land.

San Francisco Supervisor Tom Hsieh held a Visitation Valley/Little Hollywood townhall meeting May 5th in the social room of St. James Presbyterian Church to address community issues.



Koyuse Club Day Camp

by Anne Kaartunen

Camp Fire's Visitation Valley KOYUSE CLUB members have just completed a wonderful week of day camp, held at their club room adjacent to the Visitation Valley Park. Thirty-six children enjoyed cookouts, field hockey, swimming, arts & crafts and yes... they put up tents in the park. We have been serving Valley kids for five years and hope to continue to meet their needs, with your support.

Our success continues thanks to the following donors: Visitation Valley Community Center, the Grapevine, San Francisco Foundation, the Langendorf Foundation, United Way, Irvine Foundation, Gellert Foundation, Stulsalt Foundation, Wells Fargo, A. T. & T.

and Chevron.

We are preparing our SUMMER DAYCAMP schedule and agenda...the camp is open to any child, 6 yrs - 12 yrs, residing in our community. Camp starts June 15th through August 21st, 10am-4pm. Cost is only \$10 per week. Summer activities will relate to CAMP FIRE'S PROGRAM, "A GIFT OF PEACE". This program will teach the youngsters the value of being at peace with themselves and enable them to become peacemakers with others. Included activities for the summer: swimming, fishing, hiking, outdoor skills, gardening, field trips and art enrichment. Call 752-2600 for registration or information. Due to limited space, acceptance to the day camp will be on a "first come, first served" basis. Limited camperships are available upon request.

One Day in the Lives of American Youths

- » Every day 7 teenagers and 10 young adults are the victims of homicide.
- » Every day 10 teenagers and 13 young adults are killed by firearms.
- » Every day 39 youths ages 15 to 24 are killed in motor vehicle accidents.
- » Every day 604 teenagers contract syphilis or gonorrhea.
- » Every day an estimated 1,140 teenagers have abortions.
- » Every day teenagers give birth to 1,336 babies.
- » Every day teenagers younger than 15 give birth to 29 babies.
- » Every day of the school year 2,478 teenagers drop out of

school.

- » Every day 4,901 teenagers and 2,976 young adults are the victims of violent crime.
- » Every day 7,742 teenagers become sexually active.
- » Every day 8,826 teenagers and 6,235 young adults are the victims of theft.
- » 134,000 teenagers use cocaine once a week or more.
- » 580,000 teenagers use marijuana once a week or more.
- » 454,000 junior and senior high school students are weekly binge drinkers.
- » 8 million junior and senior high school students drink alcohol weekly.
- » Every month an average of 1.1 million teenagers and 1.2 million young adults are unemployed.

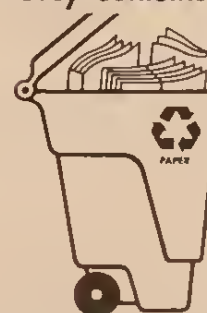
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Grey Container



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If they are not in your building, contact your building manager or owner

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Luther Burbank School

Luther Burbank Middle School, located in the Excelsior District of San Francisco, has a student body that represents a wide variety of ethnic backgrounds. We provide a balanced core curriculum which encourages students to improve study skills, problem solving, as well as develop strategies to improve test scores. Based on CAP Scores, Luther Burbank was rated in the top 10 middle schools in San Francisco. Luther Burbank showed an accelerated growth on the C.T.B.S..

Burbank has a number of unique programs designed to motivate students to pursue their education, such as the Honor's/Gifted Program in all grade levels, a computer lab to emphasize student writing and a peer tutoring program.

Our extensive mentoring program has also been developed with our Partners in Business: Landels, Ripley & Diamond. Other programs include the ESL program and the hearing-impaired program, which allows deaf students to be mainstreamed into regular classroom. Students are also encouraged to join MESA, and the various afterschool clubs that are available.

Burbank's philosophy is to prepare young people to fully participate in society. In order to accomplish this, we feel we have created a flexible and challenging environment.

The faculty works hard to foster and maintain academic achievement while providing an interesting and creative curriculum.

In addition to the above, other programs/activities employed to enhance academic progress and social maturity as well as to motivate the students to do their best are: Project Success (sponsored by I.B.M.) - highlighted below Targeted Students' Academic Achievement Program (TSAAP), sponsored and monitored by the Dept. of Integration. At risk students are monitored and counseled daily by the Coordinator/Counselor, Ms. Dorothy

M. Domino; Project M-Power-Middle School Partnership on Wellness Education and Resources funded by California Office of Criminal Justice Planning, Counselor Mr. Ken Cloeman; The Grandparents/Guardian Support Group coordinated and directed by Ms. Dorothy M. Domino. This is a partnership support program for grandparent/guardians who are responsible for the care/welfare of their grandchildren in a family school relationship; the in-house motivational sports program in which students are encouraged to do well academically in order to participate at lunch-time against members of the faculty. Also there is a Peer Resource Program coordinated and directed by Ms. Annette Montiel. The purpose is to train students as peer tutors/helpers.

Mr. George Sloan, Principal of Luther Burbank Middle School, has been very supportive and enthusiastic about all programs. He believes that the programs are an educational asset to the students.

Project Success

Project Success- A career role model oriented program. Attorney Chuck Andrews of I.B.M. is the director. Ms. Dorothy M. Domino is the coordinator/counselor at Luther Burbank. Educational achievement and social maturity are highly emphasized.

The purpose of Project Success is to provide the opportunity for children from disadvantaged backgrounds to meet and interact with various professionals and students. The exposure to successful minorities in various academic and career environments is intended to provide children with guidance and motivation to continue their education in pursuit of career goals. Project Success is structured to facilitate the interaction between children and volunteer professionals and students.



Students benefit from Career Role Models by the "helping hand" of Project Success and its Director, Mr. Chuck Andrews of IBM, in its second year at Luther Burbank. Left to right: Attorney Chuck Andrews, the students of Luther Burbank and Mrs. Dorothy M. Domino, Coordinator and Counselor of the program at Luther Burbank Middle School.

Many professionals have busy schedules which makes it difficult to devote time to a volunteer program on a regular basis. This program is uniquely structured to allow volunteers to schedule their participation on a project-by-project basis. This approach permits more volunteers to become involved because of the schedule flexibility. Project Success volunteers are encouraged to organize at least one project per semester. The projects will be coordinated through the local schools. The projects may range from lectures and group discussion to field trips to local universities and businesses.

To reach children who might benefit from this program, schools from Oakland and San Francisco will be identified. Each school will designate a coordinator to help select the students and coordinate the activities. A list of coordinators and participating schools will be maintained by Project Success. A schedule of activities will also be maintained.

Sponsorship from corporation as well as professional associations may be sought to help cover incidental expenses. The primary resource for Project Success will be the time and effort contributed by the individual volunteer



Mr. George Sloan, Principal and avid supporter of Project Success. He feels that this program makes a difference.

members.

If you are interested in becoming a Project Success volunteer or coordinator, please provide your name, occupation, address and phone number to the Project Success Director. College students are welcome. Through Project Success, individuals can contribute to the local community and make a positive difference to the lives of disadvantaged children.

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| Trips | Oil Painting | Cooking Class |
| Walking Club | Chubby Class | Spanish Class |
| etc...etc... | etc...etc... | etc...etc |

66 Raymond Ave....467-4499... Pat Crocker, Director

The Once-in-a-While Question Box

by Maria Hon, Public Outreach Coordinator, San Francisco Recycling Program

The Recycling Program's hotline has been loaded with questions about getting rid of stuff lately. So I've decided to devote this column to sharing them with you fellow Visitation Valley residents.

But before that, did you know that... San Francisco recycled over 35% of its waste in 1991!!!

Yes. You may have received a mail piece with an award magnet. The mag-

net is to thank you tons for your good work and to use it to affix a reminder strip for curbside and apartment recycling on your refrigerators. There's also a survey. Complete it. Your input is wanted in making our recycling program even better.

Now, onward to the questions:
? I sew a lot and often end up with lots of pieces of scrap fabric, what should I do with them?

The first thing that comes to mind is how about using leftover fabric for rags or arts-and-crafts projects. Still a lot left? Bring them to SCRAP

(Scrouncers Center for Reusable Art Parts) and they will give them to schools, social service and community organizations to be turned into art projects. They are located in Sunshine High School, 2730 Bryant Street; 647-1746. You can leave your scrap fabric in their drop box inside the front door, Monday to Friday 8 am to 5:30 pm. The Salvation Army also picks up fabric scrap. Call them at 553-3500.

At the industrial level, there exists professional rag merchants who procure hundreds of tons of waste fabric from the apparel industry's factory floors. These are separated and baled and sold to industries that create new products from it. The three most common products made from rags are: felt for automobile interiors; wiping cloths for the automobile industry; and rag-content paper, which contains 100% cotton fabrics like denim and muslin.

? I saw a program on Channel 5 the other day on plastics recycling. I'm really interested but I'm still confused about which kind of plastics is recyclable and which isn't. Please clarify. Why is it that we can only put CA Redemption soda bottles in our blue bins?

Plastic Recycling

There has been a lot of confusion as to what kinds of plastics are recyclable. Most of it is due to the omnipresent recycling symbol, the three arrows surrounding a number (one through seven) that are found in virtually all plastic containers. When consumers see the arrows, they immediately assume that the item is recyclable. NOT SO!

The Numbering Scheme

The society for the Plastics Industry (SPI) developed the coding system several years ago to identify different types of plastic resins so that they could be more easily separated for recycling when recycling systems came into place. The use of the three arrows was very controversial in the recycling community because it misled the public to believe that the plastic was actually recyclable.

Recyclable? Well, that depends. Do you mean technically or practically?

While the technology exists now to recycle many of the plastic containers from numbers 1 through 7, they are not always recyclable from a practical standpoint. Problems can occur in every step of the recycling process, including collecting, separating, transporting, and selling the materials.

In the Bay Area, each community has a different level of plastics recycling. In San Francisco, only the Richmond Environmental Action Recycling Center at Anza & Collins takes clear number twos in addition to the Ca Redemption soda bottles. The only plastics the curbside program currently takes are the Ca Redemption Value carbonated beverage containers (number ones). Other types of plastics if mixed in with the number ones would be considered a contaminant and the whole load could be rejected by our markets.our markets.

San Francisco's test plastics recycling program

The City is undertaking a test program in selected areas of the City for all types of plastic bottles with necks. If you are in the test area, you would have received a brochure in the mail by the first week in March. If the materials can be collected, processed and sold to a stable and well paying market, the program will be expanded to the rest of the City.

? I would like to compost, but I live in a small apartment building. What can I do?

There are special composting structures designed for cramped spaces. A bucket compost system or a wood box will be the most suitable. The San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners have a plethora of brochures on the topic of composting. They also hold hands-on workshops at the Garden for the Environment. Call them at 468-0262.

? I have switched over to a smaller 20-gallon garbage can. What should I do with my old 32-gallon can?

Here are some ideas for reuse:
as a compost bin: poke or drill some holes 3/8" on the bottom and on the sides, set it into the soil 1" deep in your backyard. Get hay, paper or sawdust to get it started. Make sure to cover it if you are using it to compost food wastes.
as a storage tank for bird seeds.
as a storage tank for rain water (for washing cars and such).

You could also donate it to two community recycling centers:

Haight Ashbury Recycling Center - 780 Frederick by Kezar Stadium; 753-0932

Richmond Environmental Action Recycling Center - Anza & Collins; 387-3117

? What happens to my refrigerator and old desk when I put them on the Curb for the Neighborhood Clean-up Program?

Folks from Norcal (parent company of Sunset Scavenger) tell me that 3 special trucks continually pick up stuff from around the City. So that it works out that about once every 6 months it comes around to your neighborhood (when you receive an announcement doorhanger). Wood, and, appliances and white goods are generally recycled. Your desk and other wood products are often burned for fuel and your refrigerator most likely will be sold to scrap metal dealers. Items made out of fabric such as carpets and couches are landfilled and so are tires and wet yard wastes. They tell me that about one quarter to one third of what they collect is recycled, the rest, landfilled. But before you put your stuff on the curb, how about giving the Salvation Army or Goodwill a call first.

? My apartment building has 20 units. When are we going to get recycling service?

Almost all apartment buildings of 6 units or more have been set up for recycling in the City. The exceptions are those buildings which have no room to accomodate the two large recycling containers. Try to find the grey and blue recycling containers in the garbage, parking or laundry area of your building. If you don't find them, contact your building manager. Your building manager should make sure that he or she can find an area in the building that is accessible to all tenants; does not require the collector to go up or down more than five stairs; and does not block the passage ways, especially fire exits. Once he has located this space, he should call 330-CURB. They will then check the place and if it meets the above criteria, they will bring the containers along with information on dos and don'ts and start the collection service.

If you have any questions regarding garbage, recycling, bousehold hazardous waste, please write to Maria Hon, SF Recycling Program, 1145 Market Street, Suite 401, San Francisco, CA 94103 or call her at 554-3409.

PLASTIC RECYCLING

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block layouts, as well as English, Cbinese, and Spanish-speaking communities. Everyone here is anxious to recycle plastic bottles, and we're glad to be working with the council to get data on plastics recycling."

To help facilitate participation, colorful booths were staffed in the test areas on three consecutive Saturdays during the start-up of the program. "People have a lot of questions about recycling plastics." said Perlmutter. "The information booths provided a one-on-one opportunity to answer those questions for both test area participants and other interested residents."

The test program is a cooperative effort between the City of San Francisco Recycling Program, Normal Waste System, and the Council for Solid Waste Solutions, a program of The Society of the Plastics Industry, Inc.

THERE ARE ANSWERS...THERE IS HOPE

A new group has formed in Visitation Valley, the Valley-Wide Parents' Council. We have organized to address the needs of our neighborhood parents and youth: to promote a safe and healthy environment, that is drug-free and violence-free; to advocate for a fair share of city funds and programs; and to develop and offer neighborhood-based Parent Support Groups, speakers, a Parent's library and a Resource/Referral program.

We realize that it's a tough job to be a parent and in these days it's not easy being a kid. Together let's find/share solutions and rekindle our hope.

Please answer the survey printed here and return it to the Visitation Valley Community Center at 50 Raymond Avenue or to a nearby school. Your returned survey will make you eligible for a special prize drawing.

Thank you for your attention.

VALLEY-WIDE PARENTS' COUNCIL

SURVEY

FAMILY:

- ☐ One parent
- ☐ Two parents
- ☐ Guardianship
- ☐ Number of Children

WORK:

- ☐ yes
- ☐ no

USE CHILD CARE

- ☐ yes
- ☐ no

NEED CHILD CARE

- ☐ yes
- ☐ no

AGES OF CHILDREN _____ (INDICATE BOY/GIRL)
SCHOOL ATTENDING _____

Do your children participate in after-school programs/recreation?

- ☐ yes
- ☐ no

Where? _____

What do they do? _____

What would you need/like to make your jjob as a parent/provider easier?

Please check you interest in the following programs/information. (Y= yes, N= no, ?= maybe)

WORKSHOPS

- ☐ Parent-child communication skills
- ☐ Discipline-self-esteem
- ☐ Respite (managing time to relax)
- ☐ Budgets, money management
- ☐ Job training/referrals
- ☐ Tenants rights/housing
- ☐ Education opportunities/your rights
- ☐ Child-care resources
- ☐ Youth programs/jobs
- ☐ Low cost food/clothes outlets
- ☐ Health maintenance/1st aid
- ☐ Nutrition/cooking
- ☐ Self-help programs(drug/smoke-free)
- ☐ Neighborhood safety
- ☐ Understanding peer pressure
- ☐ Changing families (family traumas)
- ☐ Family outings/recreation

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____
PHONE: _____

Please enter my name in the drawing:

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Please put me on your mailing list:

- ☐ Yes
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IN FAVOR OF FIGHTING

I have always enjoyed a good fight as an exhibition and a show of skill. It was my passport to making new friends. In my frequent travels, I was forever surrounded by new faces and it was my intention to create a good impression in order to be accepted into their midst.

I also had an inborn way of attracting bullies by appearing to be frail and helpless. That was my best line of defense, which allowed me to take my opponent by surprise.

A bully is a big man who is a weakling and a coward and who always picks on smaller guys to boost his waning ego. A big, strong man will never, unprovoked, pick a fight with a man my size and, provoke a big strong man, I never did.

I used to practice and train at every opportunity. While in New York I frequented Madison Square Garden, to train under supervision. As a member of the YMCA, I used their facilities whenever possible.

In my chosen life, fighting was unavoidable. I fought when cornered, regardless of the odds, but I also ran and hid if that happened to be the safest procedure. I was no hero, taking unnecessary risks, but I enjoyed showing off in the presence of my fellow workers.

It was a harmless pastime, and nobody ever got hurt or humiliated. The pattern was the same, as I will endeavor to illustrate in the following examples.

I spent one summer in Quebec, working at the Chateau Frontenac as a waiter. It was a fantastic job, exciting and financially rewarding.

Newly arrived from England, I found myself in a fascinating new world, full of opportunities. I was ebullient with enthusiasm, devil-may-care in my actions, and full of fun and mischief. So, on this particular day, my caustic tongue got away from me and Jimmy was the target.

Jimmy was about my size, English, cocky and touchy. Whatever I said to him is now forgotten and irrelevant, but I well remember him flailing at me with arms and fists. We were in the kitchen and were quickly surrounded by cooks and scullions, who lined up to enjoyed the spectacle.

Jimmy meant business, letting me have it with both barrels. I had no intentions of fighting him, so I stood my ground and took all his punches on my arms and shoulders. Finally, his anger

appeased, he stopped. Everybody cheered.

To all intents and purposes, he had given me a good thrashing, while I was too yellow to fight back. I took it all in stride and did not try to justify myself. I let Jimmy have his day. He deserved it.

Now we come to the second part: the above was just an introduction to my modus operandi.

Some of us waiters had four hours off every afternoon, from two to six and, after the initial weeks of sightseeing, we become bored. We loafed in the park behind the Chateau until somebody suggested we buy a few sets of boxing gloves and practice the noble art of self-defense - a practical idea with unanimous backing.

We all chipped in, an instructor was picked from the group and the fun began. For all except me.

While they were clumsily slugging one another, I preferred to sit under a tree, reading a book and feeding the robins.

They came to me.

"Come on, Joe. Let's see you fight."

"Naw, I don't want to."

They tried again the next day but, due to my delicate and sensitive nature I declined.

"Come on," they insisted. "Here's your chance to get even with Jimmy."

I still played coy.

"All right," I said, "but on one condition."

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"What's that?"

That the instructor gets in the ring with Jimmy.

"Come, now. You don't need a bodyguard."

"I don't mean it that way. I'll fight them both or nothing."

"Did you hear that, guys? The man is crazy."

They all had a good laugh, but I finally convinced them I was in earnest. All three of us got in the ring, fully gloved.

I was in my own territory. The so-called instructor was no more experienced than the others, and I had it all planned.

As the bell rang I looked at the instructor on my left and struck Jimmy on my right with a straight punch to the jaw. He fell and never came back for more. A furious barrage of blows sent the instructor sprawling outside the imaginary ring. It was over in a minute, and nobody got hurt. I had proved my point.

My original fight with Jimmy had been and uneven one.

People invariably reacted favorably to my antics and were amused by them, rewarding my with their trust and friendship.

Bear with me for one more exhibi-

tion of stupid bravado, proving that some people never change. I was in my sixties and still up to my childish pranks.

I occasionally went to a night club down the Peninsula to do portraits. This Saturday I arrived early, planning to set up my easel and have a leisurely dinner with my friends, the waitresses.

Only two couples were sitting at the bar. As soon as I was set up a man stepped off his stool and asked me for a portrait. I did it in a few minutes. He was pleased and paid me. While I was enjoying my dinner with the girls, the man came over with a truculent swagger, spitting insults.

"My wife does not like my portrait. I want my money back."

"Where is the portrait?"

"I threw it away."

"How do you expect to get your money back if you don't return the merchandise?"

"You bastard, give me back my money, or I'll take you outside and knock the s*t out of you."

"Okay, take it easy. Go back to your wife, and after I am through eating, I'll deal with you."

He left. The waitresses were scared and upset.

"Please, Joe, don't argue with the man. Give him back his lousy money, or he'll kill you."

"I'll think about it."

While eating, I planned my next move.

After dessert and coffee I walked to the bar. The man got off his stool and

faced me with a ridiculous fighting stance to impress his wife.

"Well, then, what can I do for you?" I asked.

"You can give me my money back, that's what you can do."

"And if I don't?"

"I'll take you outside and knock the shit out of you." He repeated, like a well-rehearsed parrot.

"You don't give me any choice, do you?"

I opened my wallet, extracted two dollars and handed them to him. He took them.

I turned to the bartender.

"You saw me give the man back his money, didn't you, Ted?"

"That I did, Joe."

And to the man, "Are you satisfied?"

"Yes, I am."

"Good! Now I am going to take you outside, and I am going to knock the s*t out of YOU."

Before he could recover, I pushed him through the open door to the parking lot and slapped him around. I had had enough of his bullying.

"You wanted to fight, didn't you? Go ahead and fight."

"Please don't. Don't hit me. My wife made me do it. I don't want to fight."

He was sniveling like a baby. I released him.

"Fork over my two bucks, go get your wife, and get the hell out."

And that's how I used to get my jollies.

MAYA ANGELOU BRINGS MESSAGE OF FAITH TO BILL JERSEY'S

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Faith and its transforming power are at the heart of **MAYA ANGELOU: RAINBOW IN THE CLOUDS**, produced by PBS in association with WTVS Detroit. It is the latest offering from Mr. Jersey, one of the Bay Area's top documentary filmmakers. With Angelou as his guide, Jersey travels into the unique world of San Francisco's Glide Memorial Church. There, the

Reverend Cecil Williams, Janice Mirikitani and other Glide regulars help Jersey and Angelou see into the hearts and souls of men and women who have confronted the worst in their world- and in themselves- and have managed to overcome the greatest obstacles through faith.

As Angelou says in the film, "Faith is the evidence of things not seen. I believe it is faith which allows human beings to try to rise in the morning after evenings of terror and fear, grief and disappointment. I believe it is faith which allows men and women to love each other and to dare to have children. I believe in faith... and faith alone can be credited with those miracles."

MAYA ANGELOU: RAINBOW IN THE CLOUDS proclaims this message in scenes ranging from a soul-stirring Sunday service at Glide to inspirational and revealing conversations between Angelou and members of the Glide congregation, scenes of life on the streets in San Francisco's Tenderloin, and touching personal testimony from those who have benefitted the most from Glide's message of hope, community and faith.

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There are 4 games scheduled in May for the Warriors. Be sure to go out and support our neighborhood athletes. On Wednesday, May 6th, the Wilson Warriors meet McAteer High School at 3:15 p.m. at the Nealon Field at Seventh Avenue and M. L. King Jr. Way. McAteer is also the opponent on Thursday, May 7th at 3:15 p.m. at Edwards Field on Silver Avenue, east of Bayshore Blvd (Silver Terrace).

On Saturday, May 9th, the whole family can enjoy the Warriors battle

with Burton at 6:35 p.m. at Pieretti Field at Crocker Amazon Playground, Moscow and Italy Sts. The final game before the playoffs is on May 15th, and features Urban at Edwards Field (address above).

Be sure to wear the green and gold colors when you attend the game to show your support of the Wilson Warriors, our modern day heroes. Good luck to the Warriors, from all your neighbors...we're rooting for you.

The Varsity baseball playoffs for San Francisco will be happening May 20th and 21st, with the championship game scheduled for May 21 at 3:15 p.m. at Candlestick Park.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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must, as a matter of course, know and use the most effective techniques for enforcing the law and maintaining order. Moreover, they must perform their duties in a manner that helps to preserve and extend the precious values of a democratic society. Thus, police must respect and protect the rights of all citizens as guaranteed by the United States Constitution. These rights include the right to move throughout the city without fear, the right to be free of harassment and discrimination and the right to speak and / or demonstrate one's opinion in a lawful and orderly

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Here are some pictures from past Fairs.

SENIOR OLYMPICS

The third annual California Senior Olympics, the largest Northern California athletic competition for seniors, is scheduled for May 29 - May 31, 1992 at California State University, Sacramento. The California Senior Olympics, which is sponsored by the City of Sacramento, Department of Parks & Community Services, River City Bank, Mercy Foundation and KCRA TV Channel 3, is designed to promote physical fitness and organized competition among people who are aged 50 years or older. At least 14 athletic events, team and individual, will be provided this year ranging from basketball and softball, to swimming and rowing, to horseshoes and bowling. Several new events may be added to the list of athletics, appealing to a wider variety of athletic hopefuls. Competition is arranged by age categories which are divided into five-year increments. The top three competitors in each event receive medals and will qualify to compete in the 1993 U. S. National Senior Sports Classic

The California Senior Olympics offers a variety of non-sporting events as well. These events may include a pancake breakfast, barbecued dinner, fireworks show and more! Registration for the California Senior Olympics will begin in April. For more information about participating in the California Senior Olympics, or to receive an entry blank, call the City of Sacramento at (916) 277-6094.

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BURTON INTRODUCES TOUGH INSURANCE FRAUD LEGISLATION

After introducing legislation which adds auto insurance fraud to California's Penal Codes John Burton, (D. San Francisco) said, "This law attacks the organized rings exactly where they've been attacking California motorists for years, in the pocketbook."

AB 3067 which is strongly supported by the California State Automobile Association, increases penalties for auto insurance fraud and requires those on probation to perform community service by cleaning graffiti. The bill will be heard by the full Assembly later this month.

The California Department of Insurance reports that California motorists pay approximately \$10 billion in automobile insurance premiums every year, of which about \$1 billion is paid to fraudulent claims.

Burton said, "That means that one tenth of California's overall premiums goes to pay for insurance frauds. Clearly, Automobile Insurance Fraud has become a major industry in California".

The Department of Insurance also reports that fraud is costing Bay Area drivers collectively about \$200,000 a day. In 1991 alone, there were 487

suspected fraudulent claims in Bay Area counties, amounting to 13 times those discovered in 1981. For every \$1000 spent towards a policy holder's premium, approximately \$150 to \$200 is spent on bogus claims.

Organized rings involve the claimants whose doctors make false diagnoses, then have their lawyers settle the case for thousands and divide the settlement among each other. Law suits resulting from fraudulent claims are costing California taxpayers an exorbitant amount alone. AB 3067 provides increased penalties whenever the fraud is \$50,000 or more.

Repair shops have entered in the ring by appealing to the pocketbooks of car owners who need repairs from minor collisions. Reports have shown that repair shops charge more than the policyholders deductible, forcing the insurance companies to pay more than the actual cost of the repair. The end result is that criminals are actually forcing the insurance companies to pass those costs right down to the policy holders.

In fact, AAA has documented that the recent surge of fraud has resulted in repair costs jumping nearly 18% from 1989 to 1991. Burton said, "California's insured motorists are paying hand over fist in premiums while crooked repair shops are making out like bandits."

Facts About Women and Cancer

Of every five deaths of all causes in the United States, one is from cancer.

In 1991, 555,000 women were diagnosed with cancer in this country; 242,000 died from the disease.

Bay Area women lead the state in rates of breast cancer and melanoma.

Breast cancer is the second major cause of cancer death among women. Death rates for breast cancer have not decreased during the past 50 years.

Currently, approximately one of every nine women will develop breast cancer. Breast cancer rates have increased about 3% a year since 1980. An estimated 175,000 women were diagnosed with the disease during 1991.

Ovarian cancer causes more deaths than any other cancer of the female reproductive system.

Poverty is one of the major risk factors for cancer. Low-income Americans, regardless of race, have a 10-15% lower five-year relative survival rate from cancer, as well as a higher cancer incidence compared to other Americans.

Women of color are hit especially hard. African-Americans have higher overall incidence and mortality rates than any other ethnic population in the United States. The cancer death rate for African-American women is 14% higher than for white women.

During 1987, the National Institutes of Health spent only 13% of its budget on women's health studies.

Walk will raise funds for women's cancer organizations

Join the first Bay Area Women and Cancer Walk on Saturday, May 9, 1992. This event will raise funds and increase visibility and support for community health organizations which serve women with cancer and work for political change, empowerment and wellness. The Women and Cancer Walk is a

contingent in the "Human Race," organized by the Volunteer Centers of Alameda County. Participants will collect pledges before the walk and will walk, jog or ride wheelchairs on the day of the event. The walk begins and ends at Laney College and circles Lake Merritt in Oakland. Walkers have the choice of completing 5, 10 or 15k (3-10 miles). Registration is between 8:15 and 10:30. You can take BART to the Lake Merritt stop. For more information or to volunteer, call 415-985-7108.



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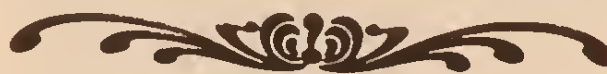
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KOPP ALERTS SAN FRANCISCO TAXPAYERS TO SEWER SERVICE SURCHARGE INCREASE

State Senator Quentin L. Kopp (I-San Francisco/San Mateo) excoriated a proposed further increase in the sewer service charge and alerted San Francisco taxpayers to the fact the Board of Supervisors considered adoption of a resolution increasing the sewer service charge, the primary revenue source for the city's so-called "Clean Water Program." City administrators seek a 21% annual increase in the charge. In doing so, Kopp stated:

"Starting in 1986 and continuing each year, with one exception, the city's Clean Water Program, a division of the Department of Public Works, has sought and received from the Board of Supervisors and the prior two mayors an annual increase in the sewer service charge for San Francisco homeowners and businesses. Increases ranging from 9.8% to last year's increase of 22% afflict unsuspecting and mystified homeowners, who, unlike businesses, cannot deduct such spiraling expenses from federal or state income tax. Now, the bureaucrats in the Clean Water Program, who have also received the specter of a cross-town tunnel, have promulgated an enormously expensive budget which serves as a foundation for their recommendation of an increase of 21% in the sewer service charge, commencing as of April 15, 1992 for the 1992-3 fiscal year, and an even larger increase of 24% for the next fiscal year, beginning on July 1, 1993. Departmental administrators signify their unbridled gall by seeking this increase on April 15th just two days after the Board of Supervisors votes on the proposal and permitting the Mayor only two days to review the proposal.

The City Advisory Committee on Waste Water calculates approximately \$8,000,000 in overhead of other city services which is improperly charged to the

sewer service charge. I warned 10 years ago in a ballot measure which sought to curb the city's bloated sewer service charge program, that such increases would occur almost exponentially,"

declared Kopp, who added:

"Much of the increase arises from unnecessary bureaucratic expenses and the charging of alleged 'overhead' of various city departmental operations to the sewer service charge. Stymied in an effort to obtain more money from property taxation, city administrators have cunningly transferred numerous administrative costs to the sewer service charge, by including costs in the budget of the Clean Water Program."

As background information, Cap further stated: "The city's Clean Water Program is a division of the Department of Public Works. Since its inception the program's costs have virtually been unchecked. The sewer service charge is imposed on San Franciscans' bimonthly water bills. The surcharge is supposedly based upon water consumption and uses a 90% flow factor; the Department of Public Works assumes that 90% of water wiped to homes and businesses is disposed of through San Francisco's sewage system. Administrators of the "Clean Water Program," a bureau of the Department of Public Works, claims that reduced water consumption resulting from recent usage restrictions caused by the drought, compel an increased charge per unit of water to pay fixed costs that are constant irrespective of the amount of water consumed. Last year the Board of Supervisor's Budget Analyst, Harvey Rose, Reported that of the total 22% sewer service surcharge, 12.2% was attribute to the drought. This year the bureaucrats haven't even bothered to make public the portion of the increase attribute to decreased water consumption or the portion attribute to other

causes. I have fought and struggled against the iniquitous sewer service charge since my first campaign for elective office in 1971. I'll continue to alert citizens to the fact that the program operates in a fiscally unsound manner, which creates the immense sewer service charges that infuriate all San Franciscans. The spectacle of paying 300% to 400% more for disposition of water than for consumption of water undermines the confidence and respect of taxpayers for city officials."

Despite the mayor's order that each city department reduce expenditures to offset an expected city budget deficit, the Clean Water Program has actually increased requests for specific items. Kopp pointed out that, for example, the Clean Water Program's request for travel expenses is 23% more than last year and includes a trip to New Orleans for eight employees totaling \$10,424. Other items include a 50% increase for employee training from \$30,490 to \$46,900, membership in 39 organizations including the Association of Apple 32 Users, \$40,000 for a mayor's

representative in sacramento, and \$52,000 for the "Boss Effective Institute," for training and management consultation.

Kopp stated, "These are minuscule compared to the startling \$7,998,736 in departmental, bureau and citywide overhead paid through sewer service charges by San Francisco property owners. I object strongly to the payment of this exorbitant amount by those who have gained no service or benefit."

Kopp complimented the Citizens Advisory Committee on Waste

Water fir, among other things, initiating a request to the City Attorney for a legal opinion on the legality of the use by the Department of Public Works of bond funds and sewer service charge revenues for the department of a water reclamation program. Nothing that the requested opinion was sent by the Citizens Advisory Committee on January 14, 1992, Kopp expressed profound concern that the committee's questions about illegal expenditures of taxpayers monies have not been answered.

Event Targeting Goal of \$20,000

LET THE (OTHER) GAMES BEGIN!

This year, both the athletically-inclined and the athletically-disinclined will have an opportunity to bring home a medal without leaving the Bay Area. The Fourth Annual Black & White Bowl, a fundraiser for the Family Service Agency of San Francisco's TALK Line, will stage the "1992 Black & White Bowlympics." The event will take place on Saturday, May 2, at Park Bowl in San Francisco's Height district.

Mary-Louise Keller will open the event by lighting the :Bowlympic grill."Keller, a Bay Area Tae Kwando contender, plans to compete the summer games in Barcelona. Co-chairs Katie Philson and Liz Hager swear that she'll be the only bona fide Olympic competitor at the event."Basically,

we've structured the event so that scored have nothing to do with winning a medal," says Ms. Philson.

In addition to bowling, the Black & white Bowlympics will feature dancing and rock videos, an international snack menu, fashion parade, awards presentation, door prize giveaway and a special emcee.

"I think the Olympic theme is particularly appropriate for this event," says Family Service Agency Executive Director, Susan Vandiver. "Since its inception in 1989, the Black & White Bowl has produced Olympian results, in terms of raising both awareness and financial support for the Family Service Agency's child abuse prevention programs."

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They Were San Franciscans

FREMONT OLDER

Horace Greeley's famous statement "Go West, young man" eventually influenced one of the New York Tribune editor's greatest admirers, Fremont Older, to become one of San Francisco's most famous journalists. As a young farmboy growing up near Appleton, Wisconsin, Older was once given two adventure books as a gift, which stirred his imagination and inspired the search for bigger and better things.

Born on August 30, 1856, into a family of staunch abolitionists, Older's parents named him after explorer John C. Fremont. His father enlisted as a private in the Union Army during the Civil War, but died following his release from a confederate prison in 1864. His mother, who became a bookseller to support Fremont and his older brother Herbert, eventually remarried and moved to California.

Older left school at 13 to become a printer's devil, working for the Berlin City Courant in Wisconsin during 1869. Four years later, he received \$125 from his mother for passage to California, and took a train west.

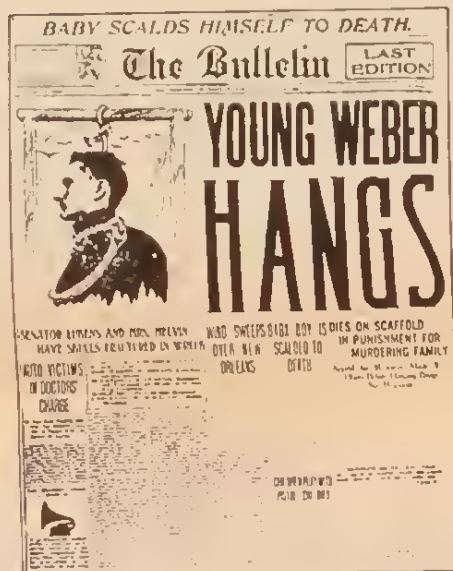
Arriving at the state capital, he worked briefly at the Sacramento Union to earn steamer fare to San Francisco.

Once in the City, Older went to work for the San Francisco Call. His newfound fascination with the life of author Mark Twain, a one-time Call reporter, inspired him to travel to Virginia City, Nevada, and write for the Territorial Enterprise, a newspaper where Twain once worked. Older's feeble attempt at Nevada gambling one night left him penniless, and he left town the very next morning on foot.

Older worked for the Sonora Herald just long enough to earn money for a stagecoach back to San Francisco. He went to work for the new Daily Mail in 1881, but was soon involved in San Mateo County politics, working on the new Redwood City Journal to compete with the politically influenced weekly Times-Gazette, until the latter bought out its competition, making its worse critic the new city editor.

While in Redwood City, Older married and had two children, but divorced four years later.

He served as a San Mateo county correspondent to the San Francisco Chronicle and the Alta California



The Bulletin for September 27, 1906

before returning to the City in 1893 to marry his second wife, Cora, to whom he was married 42 years.

Older worked as a reporter for the Call until 1895, when the Evening Bulletin was purchased by its new owners for \$65,000, and he was offered the newspaper's managing editor post.

Once in control, Older followed the lead of another local newspaperman, William R. Hearst, and transformed the dying bulletin into a sensational journal filled with exposes, murders, and confessions. Its popularity and circulation soon rose.

Many a prospective writer got a start at the Evening Bulletin under Older, as the cigar-puffing editor carried out his crusades against graft, war and capital punishment.

Older was primarily responsible for the 1906-08 graft prosecution against local union leader Abraham Ruef and San Francisco Mayor Eugene Schmitz, both accused of running the City on the wrong side of the law.

A fierce controversy with the Bulletin's publisher in 1918 forced Older to leave for Hearst's competing San Francisco Call, where he remained. Ten years later, the again-faltering Bulletin was purchased by Hearst, and Older became managing editor of the newly consolidated San Francisco Call-Bulletin.

While driving home with his wife and friends from a Sacramento flower show on March 3, 1935, Older was suddenly stricken by a fatal heart attack. A passenger in the front seat with him who recalled the car's speedometer reading a constant 30 miles per hour later realized the term "30" was used in the newspaper business by journalists signifying the end of their stories.

THIS MONTH
In San Francisco
HISTORY

May 1: In 1974, the S. F. Municipal Railway inaugurated the Fast Pass, providing unlimited access to its busses and streetcars.

May 2: In 1925, the Embarcadero Subway, a two lane underpass built to speed traffic by the Ferry Building, was completed. Also that day, the original Kezar Stadium, built in part by the donation of a generous donor, first opened its gates.

May 4: In 1850, an early morning fire burned a large portion of the City's business district, causing nearly \$5 million in damages. In 1851, exactly one year later, an even larger fire started at 11 p.m. in a paint store, burning almost 2,000 structures in ten hours, and causing losses in excess of \$11 million. Remarkably, the DeWitt and Harrison warehouse was spared with the use of 80,000 gallons of vinegar.

May 5: Failing financially in his attempt to publish a penny tabloid, Cornelius Vanderbilt Jr. closed his San Francisco Illustrated Daily Herald in 1926.

May 6: In 1856, the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce was organized.

May 9: In 1882, the Telegraph Hill Railroad Company was established.

Mayors of San Francisco

JAMES VAN NESS

Ever changing regulations in early San Francisco politics were responsible for the quick end to the term of San Francisco's seventh mayor.

James Van Ness was elected to office by a large margin of votes primarily due to the poor performance of his predecessor, Stephen Webb. Challenging Webb's Know Nothing party with an elected alderman and member of the City's common council since 1851, the Democratic party nominated Van Ness.

Born in 1808 at Burlington, Vermont, the son of a politician and eventual Vermont governor graduated from that state's university in 1825, and had practiced law in several states before eventually arriving in the Bay Area.

Van Ness came to prominence by presenting the City with the Van Ness Ordinance, a guideline which specified the surveying of land west of Larkin St. and southwest of Ninth St. to counter the ownership debates which hampered expansion of the growing city.

When Van Ness took office on July 1, 1855, his administration inherited the

Three counterbalance cars operated on a three-block single-track line with turnouts on Greenwich St. from Powell St. to an observatory at the top of Telegraph Hill. In 1958, the last of Muni's two-man streetcars made their final runs, replaced the next day by newer one-man PCC streetcars.

May 11: In 1855, the El Dorado, largest and most respected gaming house in the City, closed its doors upon passage of anti-gambling state legislation.

May 14: In 1856, James King of William, outspoken editor of the Evening Bulletin, was shot to death in a duel with James Casey, publisher of the Sunday Times, in one of the most famous duels in San Francisco history. Casey, perturbed by a Bulletin item identifying him as a one-time Sing-Sing inmate, was executed by vigilantes eight days later.

May 16: In 1872, the Metropolitan Gas Company street lamps were first lit.

May 23: In 1956, the World Trade Center, located in the Ferry Building, was dedicated.

May 25: In 1940, the Golden Gate International Exposition on Treasure Island opened its second season. In 1948, San Franciscans received their very first telecast.

May 26: In 1958, a plaque dedication honoring John Geary, the first mayor of San Francisco, was held in Union Square, an event marking the downtown park's dedication as a State Historical Landmark.

May 27: In 1854, a marine telegraph line was completed from Fort Point to the downtown area. In 1937, after four years of construction, thousands of pedestrians crossed the newly built Golden Gate Bridge on its opening day.

deficit from the previous mayor's budget, and he began applying the necessary monetary cuts to make ends meet.

Poorly decided, however, was the mistake in cutting the City's police force, which in a crime-ridden San Francisco eventually led to the temporary reformation of the Vigilance Committee the following year.

Strangely enough, the passage of the Consolidation Act for the City and County of San Francisco on April 19, 1856 did away with both offices of mayor and common council as of July 1, replacing them with a board of supervisors and a board president, the top administrative post. A pro tem group of justices elected George Whelan Board of Supervisors President on July 8, 1856, with Van Ness then assuming a temporary role as a police judge.

Still pondering the uncertainty of his questionable administration five years later, he decided to move south to San Luis Obispo, where he again entered politics as a state senator. Van Ness died there on December 28, 1872, at the age of 64.

One of San Francisco's largest and longest streets, Van Ness Ave., runs right by City Hall.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S TEEN
MUSICAL THEATRE
COMPANY SUMMER
WORKSHOP AUDITIONS

Teen singers, dancers and actors ages 13 to 19 are invited to audition beginning May 22nd for Young People's Teen Musical Theatre Company's Free Summer Workshop. Sponsored by the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department and San Francisco State University's Theater Arts Department. Teens accepted into the program will receive free classes in scene study, vocal lab, tap and jazz dance, and the technical aspects of theater.

Rehearsals and classes for the workshop will be held at San Francisco State University, Tuesday through Saturday, 1 - 5 p.m. The program is entirely free for participants. Two productions will be presented during

the summer, the hit Broadway musical "42nd Street", and "Comic Strip Broadway", an original musical revue.

Auditions will be held at Harvey Milk Recreational Arts Building, 50 Scott Street (near Duboce), Friday, May 22, 4 - 7 p.m.; Saturday, May 23, 1 - 5 p.m.; and Wednesday, May 27, 4 - 7 p.m. No appointment is necessary. Singers should prepare a song. Bring your own sheet music, and accompanist is provided. Dancers prepare a three minute (or less) dance routine. A cassette deck will be available. Actors prepare a two minute monologue or reading. (Non-singing and dancing parts are available in both summer productions).

Teenagers interested in the technical aspects of theater -- set design, lighting, stage managing, etc. -- are encouraged to sign up for the technical crew on audition days.

For further information call 221-0566 or 554-9523.

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ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZENS SPRING GET-A-WAY TO CAMP MATHER

Want a change of scene? Join dozens of your neighbors for the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department's Annual Spring Senior Citizens Get-A-Way to Camp Mather in the Sierras. Enjoy the quiet peace of the mountains or join in the organized activities specially planned for this senior citizen event.

Beautiful, rustic Camp Mather is located at an elevation of 4,530 feet in Tuolumne County, just 20 miles from Yosemite National Park -- 180 miles from San Francisco.

The Mountain Get-A-Way begin Monday, June 8, with an 8:00 a.m. motor coach departure, with return scheduled Friday, June 12, at 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Lodging is in comfortable but basic rustic cabins (bring your own bed linen, pillow and towels). All meals are served in spacious dining hall.

Registration is Saturday, May 9, at McLaren Lodge Annex Building (in rear) in Golden Gate Park at Fell and Stanyan Streets. Singles and couples registration is from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Group representatives can make reservations from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The Seniors Get-A-Way to Camp Mather cost 160 per person. Bring two checks to registration (\$75 per person payable to San Francisco Recreation and Park Department for lodging and meals; and \$85 per person payable to Marin Airport for round trip transportation).

There will be Fall Senior Get-A-Way scheduled August 29th through September 2, with registration to be held August 1, 1992.

For more information call 666-7015 or 666-7039.

OPEN REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER LATCHKEY PROGRAM

Registration for the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department's Summer Latchkey Kid's Program will be held Wednesday, May 6, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., at Aptos Playground, Aptos St. and Ocean Avenue. Enrollment is limited, so registrations are accepted on a first come, first served basis.

Children aged 6-12 are eligible for the Latchkey Program held at Recreation Centers throughout the City.

The program provides supervised activities from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. weekdays for children whose parents are not home during the day. The registration fee is \$20, which includes the months of July and August.

Bring proof of San Francisco residency, and proof of children's ages as well as the \$20 to complete registration. For information call 337-4712.

WILSON STUDENTS NEED JOBS

The Full Service School Committee of Woodrow Wilson High School is asking for community support in helping to find paid work experiences for Woodrow Wilson High School students.

Wilson students need work. Many Wilson students want to help their families financially. Notebooks, pens, paper, locks for lockers, gym clothes, lunch money, and MUNI Fast Passes are all items that are added costs to

ANNUAL PLANT SALE

On Saturday, May 2, the Strybing Arboretum Society will hold its 25th Annual Plant Sale. Many varieties of uncommon and unusual plants, will be available. Once again there will be a wide selection of drought tolerant plants to choose from. The sale will be held from 10 am to 1 pm in the San Francisco Country Fair Building, 9th Avenue at Lincoln Way, in Golden Gate Park.

Dedicated volunteers work all year long in the Arboretum nursery to grow plants that are especially well suited for gardens in the Bay area. Many of these same people will be available to answer questions regarding the care of these plants. There will also be a plant clinic where information about plant related problems may be obtained.

The Saturday sale is open to the general public, but for Arboretum Society members there will be a special preview sale on Friday evening, May 1, 5 to 8 p.m. At this time members have the opportunity to have the first pick of the plants. There will also be a silent auction of select plants from the Arboretum Nursery. New memberships may be purchased at the door starting at \$25.

All proceeds benefit the Strybing Arboretum Society, a non-profit membership organization founded in 1955 to provide education programs and other support for the Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens.

families.

A bulletin board is being set up to post all job listings. Students will be able to use the "Job Announcement Board" to find work.

Jobs can include one-day-cleanup work or area businesses who can offer more permanent employment to a student.

Please help a Wilson student today-call Ms. Pat Crawford with a job listing. Phone: (415) 239-6200

May 1992

Come to the Fair at VVCC - May 16th

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Arts Commission	1st Monday	3:00PM
Board of Education	2nd & 4th Tuesday	7:00PM
Board of Supervisors	each Monday	2:00PM
Commission on Aging	1st Wednesday	9:30AM
Comm - Status of Women	4th Thursday	4:00PM
Health Commission	1st & 3rd Tuesday	3:00PM
Housing Authority Comm	2nd & 4th Thursday	4:00PM
Human Rights Comm	1st & 3rd Thursday	4:30PM
Library Commission	1st Tuesday	4:30PM
Planning Commission	each Thursday	1:30PM
Police Commission	each Wednesday	5:30PM
Port Commission	1st Tues & 3rd Wed	4:30PM
Public Utilities Comm	2nd & 4th Tuesday	2:00PM
Recreation & Parks	3rd Thursday	2:00PM
Social Services Comm	4th Thursday	9:30AM

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The Society Page



Seen at the Grapevine 6th Anniversary "do" were Dr. Ahimsa Sumchai (in front); Vincent Chao, Maria Martinez, Sherry Tennyson and Jom Wachob (middle row, left to right); and Herman Jones (at the rear).



VWCC Board President Herman Jones chats with Dr. Ahimsa Sumchai, while Jim Wachob checks out the vegetable tray at the Grapevine party. In the background, Ray and Wendy Meluch speak with Kirk Miller.

Please send your announcements, invitations, photos, greetings, and other social items, whether hi-brow, low-life, serious or silly, to the GRAPEVINE, c/o VWCC, 50 Raymond Ave., San Francisco, CA 94134, or call 467-6400.



Left to right, Cathy Kline, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Tom, Mrs. Chen & son, George, and Mo Yuen Ma enjoy a chat at the Grapevine's 6th Anniversary Party on April 23, 1992.



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